

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of December 31, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 19 are amended to clarify that the nozzle rims project in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the printhead nozzles. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 11, lines 30- 32 and in Figs. 1-4 of the present application; and

independent claim 38 is amended similar to claims 1 and 19 and to omit recitation of the "cantilever beam"; and

dependent claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, 21, 24, 25, 27, 29-37, 40, 42-44 and 46-54 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections and Response to Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38, and claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 10-18, 21, 24, 25, 27, 29-37, 40, 42-44 and 46-54 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Campbell, Kubby, Silverbrook, Anagnostopoulos, De Moor, Lichtenberger and Coulman, because none of the cited references teach or suggest nozzle rims formed about the nozzles to project in a direction perpendicular to the plane of the printhead nozzles so as to direct the ejected ink drops in that direction, as is required by amended independent claims 1, 19 and 38.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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